

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A seat ~~Seat intended~~ for an aircraft, comprising:
a sitting portion (2) with a sitting surface,
a back portion (4) with a back surface, and
two armrests (8),
wherein said this seat being is convertible into a bed, and further comprises
characterized in that it further comprises means for guidance of a guide mechanism
with at least two substantially vertical rails that guide at least one armrest (8) in a translatable
movement in a more or less substantially vertical direction, and in that the wherein said guide
mechanism guides said at least one armrest (8) is movable between an initial position in
which it a top surface of said at least one armrest projects above the sitting surface of the
sitting portion (2) and a second retracted position in which it said top surface of said at least
one armrest is more or less substantially flush with the a substantially horizontal surface of
the a portion adjacent to the at least one armrest more or less horizontal portion of the seat or
is below said substantially horizontal surface this more or less horizontal surface.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): A seat ~~Seat~~ according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~
~~in its~~ wherein said bed is convertible from a sitting position, in which said back portion is
inclined with respect to said sitting surface, into a bed position, in which said back portion is
substantially horizontal, and

wherein in said bed position and in said second retracted position, the top surface of
said at least one armrest is more or less substantially horizontal and flush with the back

surface of the back (4) when the latter is in more or less horizontal position or is below this back surface.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): A seat ~~Seat~~ according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ ~~in its~~ wherein, in said second retracted position, said top portion of the at least one armrest is ~~more or less~~ substantially flush with the sitting surface of the sitting portion (2) or is below this said sitting surface.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): A seat ~~Seat~~ according to claim 1, wherein said bed is convertible from a sitting position, in which said back portion is inclined with respect to said sitting surface, into a bed position, in which said back portion is substantially horizontal, and wherein said guide mechanism guides ~~one of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that the~~ ~~movement of the~~ at least one armrest (8) ~~is independent of the movement~~ independently of the back (4) portion such that said at least one armrest is movable back and forth between said initial position and said retracted position in both said sitting position and in said bed position.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A seat ~~Seat~~ according to claim 1, further comprising ~~one of claims 1 to 4, characterized in that it also comprises~~ a lateral wall (10) ~~surrounding in particular the~~ a rear of the seat.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A seat ~~Seat~~ according to claim 5, ~~characterized in that~~ ~~an~~ wherein said at least one armrest (8) ~~is in the~~ an extension of the wall (10).

Claim 7 (Canceled).

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A seat ~~Seat~~ according to claim 1, wherein said at least one ~~one of claims 1 to 7~~, characterized in that each movable armrest (8) comprises means for locking said at least one armrest in its high said initial position.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): A seat ~~Seat~~ according to claim ~~one of claims 1 to 8~~, characterized in that it comprises further comprising prestressing means (44, 68) for exerting a force on the at least one armrest (8) tending, wherein said force tends to restore it said at least one armrest to its high said initial position.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A seat ~~Seat~~ according to claim 9, characterized in that it comprises further comprising means for locking of the at least one armrest (8) in its low said retracted position.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): An aircraft ~~Aircraft intended~~ for passenger transportation, characterized in that it comprises comprising at least one seat according to claim 1 ~~one of claims 1 to 10~~.

Claim 12 (New): A seat according to claim 1, wherein, in said second retracted position, said top surface of said at least one armrest is substantially flush with the substantially horizontal sitting surface of said sitting portion.

Claim 13 (New): A seat according to claim 1, wherein, in said second retracted position, said top surface of said at least one armrest is below said sitting surface.

Claim 14 (New): A seat according to claim 2, wherein, in said bed position, said back portion is over said sitting portion such that in said second retracted position, said top surface of said at least one armrest is above said sitting portion.

Claim 15 (New): A seat according to claim 2, wherein said sitting portion is fixed so as to be in a same position in both said sitting position and in said bed position, and said back portion shifts from said sitting position to said bed position so as to entirely cover said sitting portion in said bed position.

Claim 16 (New): A seat according to claim 1, wherein said guide mechanism includes at least one jack that prestresses said armrest in said initial position, wherein said jack has a first end to be fastened to a floor of said aircraft and second end fastened to said at least one armrest.

Claim 17 (New): A seat according to claim 16, wherein said guide mechanism includes a single jack with said second end fastened to a lower surface of said at least one armrest.

Claim 18 (New): A seat according to claim 17, wherein said single jack is positioned at an angle relative to a vertical axis.

Claim 19 (New): A seat according to claim 16, wherein said guide mechanism includes at least two vertical jacks that prestress said armrest in said initial position, wherein each jack has a sleeve that receives one of said rails, wherein said sleeves project downward below a lower surface of said at least one armrest so as to limit a downward movement of

said at least one armrest by touching said floor of said aircraft when said at least one armrest reaches said retracted position.

Claim 20 (New): A seat according to claim 1, wherein said seat is convertible from a sitting position, in which said back portion is inclined with respect to said sitting surface, into a bed position, in which said back portion is substantially horizontal, and

wherein, in said bed position and in said second retracted position, the top surface of said at least one armrest is below said back surface.